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On October 28th something terrible happened in our city: San Diego Police Officer Christopher Wilson was killed in the line of duty.

It is difficult to understand the magnitude of the loss of life of someone you don't know personally or who is not a public figure. It is also hard to feel a connection to someone whose face you don't recognize or who does not interact in your neighborhood. In some ways, you are just absorbing another tragic story on the nightly news.

I want to take a moment here to tell the story of Officer Chris Wilson and why his story is important to us as residents of San Diego. Officer Chris Wilson was 50 years old and a 17-year veteran of the San Diego Police Department. He was the first police officer to die in the line of duty since Officer Terry Bennett in 2003. Chris was the proud and loving father of two children, Kaylee and Conner, both of whom have told us publicly the story of their dad who always put other people's needs ahead of his own and always "had the back" of his family and his fellow officers.

Early in his college days, Chris decided to seek a career in law enforcement. From that day forward, his single focus outside his family was his belief that his calling in life was to be in a position to keep people safe. He gave his life for that belief. After serving in the US Navy, he joined the San Diego Police Department and became a patrol officer in the Southeastern Division. As the years rolled by, Chris had several opportunities to move on from the streets of Southeast San Diego and to get promoted. Chris was adamant about remaining a patrol officer and being able to be a first responder to those in need. For his entire police career he served one community. He never wanted to go anywhere else. He loved his job and he loved the neighborhoods of the Southeastern Division.

At a candlelight vigil in Skyview Park, more than 900 people showed their respect and told stories of affection for a man who truly cared about people who lived every day in harm's way. A few days later, over 4000 people gathered in Point Loma for Wilson's funeral. Nearly half were law enforcement officers from all over the southwestern United States.

Police officers do dangerous work. They know it and so do we. Most of us don't have what it takes to face the dangers police officers face every day, never knowing if they will make it home at the end of their shift. We say we value public safety as our most important city service. So what, then, is proper compensation for the protection we receive? What are we willing to pay and, more importantly, what is the value of that protection? Some politicians think they know the cost of everything and, sadly, they know the value of nothing. Public safety isn't about dollars and cents. It's about life and death. If you don't believe me, just ask Kaylee and Conner.

I hope you will join me in sending your prayers and thoughts to Officer Wilson's family, to his brothers and sisters in the San Diego Police Department, and to the community he served so well. The San Diego Police Officers Association has set up a trust fund for Officer Chris Wilson's family. You can find out more at www.sdpoa.org or call my office at (619) 236-6677.

Thank you for listening. Marti

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Stopping Graffiti in its Tracks

The City of San Diego is joining the County as a partner in the Graffiti Tracker Program, a comprehensive, Web-based system designed to identify, track, prosecute, and seek restitution from graffiti vandals. Graffiti Tracker uses cameras with GPS (Global Positioning System) capabilities to pinpoint the exact location of graffiti. Because this program is multi-jurisdictional, information is shared among all law enforcement agencies.

"This system will not only help defray the cost of graffiti clean-up, it also discourages tagging. Graffiti vandals often sign their 'work' and Graffiti Tracker makes it easier to track and prosecute taggers and to seek restitution, which can add up to thousands of dollars," said Councilmember Emerald, chair of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

Funding for the 18-month trial program will come from the Redevelopment Agency, CCDC, and SEDC and is scheduled to begin on January 1, 2011.

Boo! Parade & Carnival a Huge Success



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Village Green Apartments

The Village Green Apartments in Rolando Park recently completed a \$20 million makeover. Built in 1966, this apartment community offers affordable-housing apartments for moderate, low and very low-income families, including 78 two-bedroom and 14 three-bedroom units. Some of which are ADA accessible. 45 jobs were supported during the 10-month project.

Village Green was redesigned with green/sustainability features including water-conserving appliances, tankless water heaters, and rooftop solar panels. Upgraded laundry facilities, a community room, and a new playground are all part of the project. Safety measures include surveillance cameras, security screen doors, and enhanced lighting. There is also an SDPD police satellite office on the premises.

This project was a combined effort among Wakeland Housing and Development, the Housing Commission, and the Redevelopment Agency.

Councilmember Marti Emerald, chair of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, said, "As we walk through this community, this is the idea of how government and private industry work together and achieve great things."

MARTI EMERALD'S GOALS

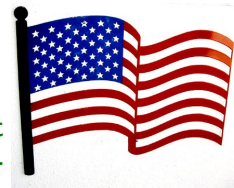


*Improve Public Safety

*Create Jobs

*Restore Trust in City
Government

Being Thankful



Thursday, November 11th is Veterans Day. This is a special day we set aside to honor members of the Armed Forces. Formerly called Armistice Day, it marks the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 when Germany signed the armistice to end WWI. It is on this National holiday that we pay tribute all U.S. veterans, such as Councilmember Marti Emerald's husband who proudly served in the Army Air Corps during WWII.



November 25th is Thanksgiving, the grand holiday spent feasting with family and friends. More and more families use this holiday to share their bounty and fellowship with others. Through churches, synagogues, community groups, and non-profit organizations, there are plenty of opportunities for families willing to open their homes and hearts to a family in need.

The Marines provide a wonderful program called Home For the Holidays for single Marines far from home and their families. For more information, call (858) 577-6171 or visit www.miramar.usmc.mil. Because of a recent deployment, don't be surprised if all the available Marines have been adopted for Thanksgiving. But if this sounds like something you and your family would like to do, get on the list for Chanukah, Christmas, or Kwanzaa.

Constituents Speak Out

"Sticking to your principles... Just wanted to send a positive missive complimenting you on speaking out for the public this week. Thanks you very much. And you are right. These are exactly the same kind of closed curtain actions that have placed this city in indefensible positions...." Dale Peterson, San Carlos

"I applaud you for watching out for the public interest concerning recent legislation trying to raise the cap on public spending for redevelopment. This is just another ploy to have a new stadium built for the Chargers. We have not paid off the loan we used to renovate Qualcomm stadium yet." Glen Ong



Councilmember

Marti Emerald

reminds you it's

time to fall back.

Set your clocks

back one hour on

Sunday 11/7 at

2 am as we

return to Pacific

Standard Time.

It's also a great

time to replace

the batteries in

your smoke and

carbon monoxide

detectors.

November Community Events

Fall and Winter Water Conservation Regulations begin November 1st.

Residents may irrigate their yards before 10am or after 4pm 3 days a week through May 31st. For more information, visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/drought>

Winter Youth Basketball League - Allied Gardens Rec Center's popular youth basketball program for boys and girls ages 4-14. Sign-ups are underway. \$60 fee covers jersey, awards, and officials & scorekeeper fees. Season begins 1st week in January. Volunteer coaches are also needed. Call (619) 235-1129 or visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation>

Embrace the Streets - Mon—Fri 11/1-5 9 am - 3pm. Blanket and clothing drive at SDSU Open Air Theater. Donations will be distributed to the homeless downtown on Sun 11/14. Volunteers are welcome to assist with distribution. For more information, e-mail Embrace@embrace1.org.

25th CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) Academy Graduation- Sat 11/6 12 - 1 pm. Regional Public Safety Training Institute, 2580 Kincaid Road, Bldg 608, 92101. For more information about the CERT program visit: <http://www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/cert/classes.shtml>

Grantville Stakeholders Committee - Mon 11/8 6pm. Mission Valley Church of the Nazarene 4750 Mission Gorge Place. City staff will address the EIR Notice of Preparation and future scoping meeting pertaining to the Grantville Redevelopment Project area. For more information contact Dan Monroe (619) 236-5529 dmmonroe@sandiego.gov or <http://www.sandiego.gov/redevelopment-agency/grantville.shtml>

Veteran's Day Parade - Thu 11/11 11am. The parade route starts at Cedar Street and Pacific Highway and heads south on Pacific Highway past Broadway to G Street. For more information: <http://www.sdveteranparade.org>

Veterans Day Dinner - Thu 11/11 5pm. Mission Valley VFW Post 3787, 4370 Twain Ave, Grantville. Roast Pork dinner with all the trimmings, public welcome, \$8 donation. For more information visit: www.VFWpost3787.com

Crawford High School Foundation Fundraiser - Wed 11/17 All-day dining during regular business hours at Panda Express, 5807 University Avenue, University Square Shopping Center, San Diego 92115. A portion of food sales goes to Crawford Foundation. Download and print the flyer at: <http://epacer.tumblr.com/post/1429825372/support-crawford-high-and-use-this-flyer>

Tierrasanta Residents Encouraged to Get Involved - Wed 11/17 6:30pm. Tierrasanta Rec Center, 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Tierrasanta Community Council is looking to add some "new blood" to help generate forward thinking ideas for this unique community. For more information contact Scott Hasson scotthasson007@yahoo.com

Thanksgiving Day - Thu 11/25 2 - 5pm - or until they run out of food. **Mission Valley VFW Post 3787**, 4370 Twain Ave is hosting a free Thanksgiving Dinner to say "Thank you" to Veterans and the Community.

Allied Gardens Community Council - Tue 11/30 7 - 8 pm. Ascension Lutheran Church, 5106 Zion Avenue. **Councilmember Marti Emerald** will be the featured speaker.